

Montana Early Childhood Advisory Council Agenda
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The next meeting of the MECAC will be held in Helena
January 7 & 8, 2008
Board of Investments Building, Wilderness Room
2401 Colonial Drive
Helena, MT

Public Comment—in accordance with 2-3-103 (1), MCA, the Department will hold a public comment period. Please note that this is the public's opportunity to address the work group with MECAC

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Wednesday January 7, 2009

10:00 a.m.-11:15 a.m.

- Welcome- Introductions, check in, conducting business (lobbying, advisory council, public comment)
- Housekeeping items- evaluations/ travel claims,
- Budget Overview- Chris Hettinger
- ECSB Updates- Jamie Palagi
 - STARS
 - New draft (s)
 - Practitioner summit
 - Next steps
 - Child Care Resource & Referral Functional Cost Analysis progress report
 - legislative budget and schedule
 - MECAC appointments
 - Agency Order- council membership
 - Touchpoints update

11:15-11:45 STATEWIDE WORKFORCE INVESTMENT BOARD
PRESENTATION- Leisa Smith

11:45-12	PUBLIC COMMENT
12:00-1:30 p.m.	LUNCH- On your own
1:30-1:45 p.m.	Head Start State Collaboration/ECCS/School Readiness Update- Mary Jane Standaert
1:45-2:30 p.m.	2008 DATA REPORT Quality Maps- 2007/2008- Melody Olson
2:30-2:45 p.m.	MOST Grant Reports- Renne't Sarbu
2:45-3:00 P.M.	QAD Update Forums Web portal update Background check disqualifiers, appeal process, and ICWA character references- postponed until April meeting
3:00-3:15 P.M.	Public Health Discussion- Laura Henley, Lewis & Clark City/County Health Department- Environmental Health Specialist
3:15-3:30	BREAK
3:30-3:45	ECSB Updates continued
3:45-4:30	Infant Toddler Early Learning Guidelines Continuum of Training Trainer Qualifications Project- Early Childhood Project, Child Care Plus+
4:30-4:45	PUBLIC COMMENT
4:45 p.m.	Adjourn

Thursday, January 8, 2009

8:30 a.m. – 11:45 a.m. COMMITTEE MEETINGS

9:30-9:45 a.m. BREAK

Quality Committee- Wilderness Room

- STARS professional development
 - Required trainings development
 - R&R provider services training
 - required trainings necessary if you have CDA/AA/BS, length of the required trainings, etc...
- STARS field test idea on high quality ERS scores at Star 3,4, 5 level- reality check
- CLASS subcommittee
- STARS 80% negotiable vs. highlighted components that are nice to have but don't make or break quality (feedback from provider summit)
- STARS- caregiving staff (STAR 3) criteria for practitioner registry (primary/teachers- all required, aides- half time 1040 hours and up)
- STAR 4- 3 under age 3 for family/group per caregiver
- NAEYC's Quality Benchmark for Cultural Competence

Program Policy Committee- Sapphire Room

- CCDF Error Rate Update- Melody
- LUP/LUI- what's in a name?
- Sliding Fee Scale request from last meeting- ECSB will work on in prep for April meeting

Public Policy Committee-Meadowlark Room

- Consumer Education
- Economic Impact Report Recommendations
- Preschool Licensure
- State Funded pre-k
- ECCS grant recommendations

12:00-1:15

LUNCH- On your own

1:15-3:00 p.m. FULL COUNCIL

- Committee Reports
- Discussion, Recommendations, action items

3-3:15 PUBLIC COMMENT

NEXT MEETING: APRIL 22 & 23, 2009